

ANNOUNCEMENT TO GAZETTE READERS.

The Gazette takes pleasure in announcing that Mr. William Albert Smoot, Jr., has become identified with this newspaper, and, as may be seen by reference to the list of officers appearing at the head of the editorial page, has been elected Vice-President of the Gazette Corporation.

For some time past it has been the earnest desire and purpose of its owners to build up the Gazette and thereby enable it to wield a wider and more potent influence for good—to make of it a newspaper which shall be representative of the whole city along commercial, industrial and social lines. It is with that end in view that Mr. Smoot has connected himself with it, and he firmly believes that with united effort put forth on the part of its citizens, aggressively sustained by the Gazette, Alexandria's future looks bright with promise of a much larger growth and greater prosperity.

His residence in Alexandria since his birth and the position he holds as Vice-President and Treasurer of the well-known firm of W. A. Smoot and Company, which has been known as one of the city's business landmarks since 1865, renders further introduction unnecessary to Gazette readers. As the first president of Alexandria's Chamber of Commerce, the duties of which he very acceptably discharged for two years, and as director and chairman of its present Transportation committee, he has been intimately associated and brought into close contact with the various business interests of the city, and the knowledge thus gained should make his advice and counsel of especial value to this newspaper in its efforts to labor for their advancement and that of the city in general.

Fortunately located, with water transportation to the sea, six lines of steel arteries diverging in as many different directions, Alexandria forms a natural gateway to the vast Southern country as well as the north, east and west, and to take advantage of its opportunities is a duty which we believe its citizens owe to themselves and in which the Gazette will take especial pleasure in aiding them.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ALEXANDRIA.

In order that those who are not regular subscribers to the Alexandria Gazette may have an opportunity to see the paper, several hundred copies of this issue will be delivered to homes in the city free of charge.

Should it meet with the approval of any who do not take it the editor of the Gazette will be pleased to receive their orders to have it delivered to them daily.

No reasonable effort will be spared to make the Gazette a newspaper which shall properly represent the entire city of Alexandria and its various interests. In doing so we sincerely trust and hope that it will not only merit out receive the hearty support of the people, irrespective of race or creed.

Alexandria City News Condensed

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to William S. Whiting, of Washington, and Marion E. Wood, of Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gregg and daughter, Miss Josephine Gregg, have returned from Bluemont, Loudoun county, where they spent two weeks.

Rev. C. R. Strausburg, formerly pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in this city was a visitor to Alexandria yesterday.

Mr. William L. Phillips has returned to Charlottesville, where he will resume his studies in the engineering department of the University of Virginia.

The Bull Line steamer Jean, with a cargo of phosphate rock from Boca Grande, Florida, for the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company, will arrive at this port about October 8.

Thomas A. Edison went to Mt. Vernon yesterday and made a personal inspection of the mansion, and planted an elm tree in the yard. He was asked to inspect the electrical wiring of the house which he did, pronouncing it safe.

Major Julius F. Lynch, of the Medical staff, Richmond was yesterday relieved from duty at his own request, and Lieutenant Walter A. Warfield of this city was assigned to take up Major Lynch's duties.

The Rev. John H. Schooley, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Rockwell, Md., officiated Monday at the marriage of Miss Lucy E. Lynn, of Alexandria, and Joseph H. Little of Washington, the home of the minister being the scene of the ceremony.

Joseph Kaufman, a ten-year-old boy, son of Alexander Kaufman, was struck by a mail wagon while riding on a bicycle on King street last evening. The bicycle was badly demolished and the boy hurt so badly that Dr. E. A. Gorman was called to attend him.

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Hinton G. Calbaugh, Federal investigator in the national blackmailing syndicate, the nucleus of which he believes to be the persons held here, is on his way to Washington today for a conference that may uncover dozens more suspected of extortion.

James Finan, a New York detective, said today that evidence that the syndicate had attempted to blackmail a United States Senator in the East out of \$20,000 had been collected, but that prosecution was given up when the Senator refused to become a witness in the case.

A State judge in New York was victimized for several thousands dollars, Finan said.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Water Company, held on the 11th, day of September, 1916, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, this Board has learned, with the deepest regret, of the death of Colonel Francis L. Smith, who for more than twenty-five years was the Attorney for this Company, therefore, be it resolved,

First—That by his death this company has lost a most efficient counselor, and the members of this Board a valued friend.

Second—That this community has lost a citizen who was without fear and without reproach, an able lawyer, faithful to every detail of a large and varied practice, whose life and services will long be gratefully remembered by his fellow citizens as being representative of the best type of Christian manhood.

Third—That we deem it a privilege to record these resolutions expressive of our opinion of our legal advisor and friend.

Fourth—That we offer to the surviving members of his family our assurances of heartfelt sympathy.

Fifth—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and published in the Alexandria Gazette.

Mrs. Margaret E. Stone, who has been visiting her niece Mrs. M. Downey on Duke street, has returned to her home in Richmond, Va.

A charter has been issued by the State Corporation Commission to Anton Fischer, Inc., Alexandria county, Virginia Highlands, Maximum, \$30,000; minimum, \$6,000; par value, \$100. Emrich D. Lamb, president; Harry Taylor, secretary, both of Washington.

Mrs. Fannie Davis, wife of the late F. C. Davis, died at her home near Occoquan, yesterday aged 67. The funeral services will occur this afternoon, burial at Bacon Race, Prince William county. Deceased is survived by five sons and one daughter. She was well known here.

A company of about 35 ladies of the city were invited to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. J. Morton on Washington street this morning at 10 o'clock to meet Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., and listen to an address on gypsy life and other interesting facts in connection with the evangelistic experience of the speaker. Miss Hoagland favored the ladies with a solo which added to their pleasure.

Yesterday's Daily Progress published at Charlottesville, Va., said: "Gypsy Smith, Jr., came to Charlottesville yesterday. As a result of a short conference with about half the membership of the committees engaged in preparations for the great meeting to begin October 8, hard-headed, level-headed, brainy business men determined to abandon the idea of holding the meetings in the Army with its limited capacity and to build in this city a tabernacle for the evangelist to seat not less than 3,000 people at a cost of approximately \$2,000. They voted also to do these things; Buy 210 benches from the Alexandria committee; secure the privilege of erecting the new tabernacle on some centrally located lot; provide a choir of 500 voices; furnish a corps of 60 ushers; hold a dedicatory service in the Tabernacle on Friday, October 6th, under the direction of the local Ministerial Union."

NOT THE MISSING GIRL

Whereabouts of Miss Margaret Earahart Still Unknown to Her Mother.

The police department of this city has been informed that the young woman taken in custody in Cumberland, Md., recently is not Margaret Earahart, aged 16 years, as had been supposed. Mrs. Litchford, of 1105 Duke street, mother of Miss Earahart, had requested Chief Goods to locate her missing daughter. The whereabouts of the young woman are still unknown to her anxious parents. It is reported that she went south, one report being to the effect that she was seen to pass over Hunting creek bridge on the rear seat of an automobile operated by Charles Baum, aged 25 years, a married man. The couple disappeared on the 21st of August.

Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Hubert of Norfolk are spending a few days in Alexandria having accompanied Mrs. Hubert's son here to make arrangements for him to enter the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of my Father, Miller, Jno. R., who departed this life one year ago today. His life he gives no more to us, His hard work all is done. His soul has crossed the great divide To the goal which he has won.

By His Son. In loving remembrance of my Husband, Miller, Jno. R., who left us one year ago today.

A shadow rests upon our home; We miss his well loved face; Where'er we turn, where'er we look, We see his vacant place.

Lonely Wife and Children.

For Sale.

The choicest building sites around Alexandria, situated on Braddock Heights. Fine roads and accessible to the Electric Line. Prices moderate. It will pay you to look them over before deciding upon the location of your home. For particulars see your local Real Estate Agent or N. Lindsey and Co., Inc. 1-218-12t.

Misses Edith and Elsie Snowden are entertaining informally this afternoon for their cousin, Miss Elizabeth W. Woodson, of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Douglas Luckett and little son of Charleston, S. C., are visiting Mr. Luckett's mother, Mrs. Lucie Peyton Luckett, at her home in south Patrick street.

Miss Lucy Sampson of Brentwood, Md., who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Moore, in south Lee street has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby of Stafford announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothea Green Ashby to Mr. Raleigh T. Conway, on October 7th, at Christ Church Alexandria.

John Hanratty, through his attorney, Howard W. Smith, has filed notice of appeal to the Corporation Court and will content the execution of the fine of \$100 which was given him by Judge Caton on Monday for selling beer to minors.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Daniel N. Swan, arrived in the city this morning from Fort Ruger, Honolulu, where he has been stationed during the past two years, on a visit to Mrs. Swan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Doniphan. They are accompanied by their little daughter Ruth. Lieutenant Swan has been promoted as instructor in military tactics and military science and will later be stationed in Montana.

The members of the Alexandria police force and the fire department who attended the revival services at the big tent on King street last night made a fine appearance. One of the hymns was sung by the firemen, but when the police were called upon Sergeant Wm. J. Wilkinson shone as the soloist of that body. He is the possessor of a fine voice and used it with excellent effect. The visitors were given a round of cheers, which they richly deserved. They were a fine looking body of men.

THE PRODIGAL GIRL.

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy.

Who was caught in sin's mad whirl, And we welcome him back with songs of joy.

But what of the prodigal girl?

For the prodigal boy there's an open door And a father's bounteous fare; And though he is wretched, sick and poor, He is sure of welcome there.

But what of the girl who has gone astray,

Who has lost in the battle of sin? Say, do we forgive in the same sweet way.

We've always forgiven him?

Does the door stand ajar, as if to say "Come, enter, you need not fear; I've been open thus since you went away.

Now close to the second year?"

Or, do we with hand of hellish pride, Close and bolt the door.

And swear, "While heaven and earth abide She will enter here no more?"

O, Christ! It seems we have never learned The lesson taught in the sand. For even yet the woman is spurned And stoned in a christian land.

Down in to the slough we hurl her back, Then turn around with a smile And welcome the boy from the sinful track,

Though he may have been more vile.

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy, Who was caught in sin's mad whirl, And we welcome him back with songs of joy.

But what of the prodigal girl?

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rode of Fredericksburg, are spending a few days with relatives in this city.

AUDIENCE 3,000 DISMISSED ABRUPTLY

NO BENEDICTION PRONOUNCED

AT LAST NIGHT'S SERVICE

Evangelist Smith Brings Meeting to a Sudden Ending—City Policemen and Firemen Attend in a Body.

Last night was the first time since the revival services began that an audience has been dismissed without a benediction. At the conclusion of an earnest appeal, to which eight persons responded, Evangelist Smith suddenly said, "I have done all I can, you may go."

"The people remained standing for a moment, as if uncertain as to his meaning. Noting that they did not start to leave he said, "You are dismissed, I'm through." Finally realizing that the meeting was at an end the three thousand people began slowly filing out of the tent.

The story of Jacob formed the basis for the sermon of the evening, in which the mean, despicable traits in his character were pointed out; how he cheated his brother Esau out of his birthright and followed it up by cheating and deceiving his father. He called attention to the fact that Jacob represented some modern so-called Christians, who will get a brother in a tight place and then "do" him. Jacob planned to do just as he did. So do the men of today, said the speaker. According to the statements of the evangelist, Jacob was a prototype of the unprincipled lawyers—found that he could take advantage of his brother and did it.

"No, all the Jacobs didn't die when he did. They're here in the city—you'll find them in the stores, in the council, yes, even in the churches! Are you here tonight? Are you here who put a blister on your sister's face? If so, write your name down trickster!"

Referring to the covering up of sin, he said that if a girl happened to go wrong, she was shunned by society, shut out from the home and that most of them went down to their death in the red light district, while the devil who was responsible for her ruin, if he could cover up his meanness, would be received socially and "blessed until further orders."

"Sin always breeds fear," said the speaker. "There are men here tonight to whom certain faces recall the past—they're afraid to meet them. But we will have to meet God some day!"

"Jacob had to slave seven years for his wife and then seven more and then woke up the next morning to find he had married the wrong woman. Old Laban made him settle. Sin always breeds slavery!"

"I talked with a man Sunday night who told me he would give a million dollars, if he had it, if he could quit the drink habit. God never intended we should be slaves, but there are probably hundreds here tonight who are."

"Be sure your sin will find you out. You sin and you'll pay. Listen! Young men, if you have been an awful sinner, God can and will forgive you, but nature never!"

"If you, young woman, marry a man to reform him, God help you, for the man wouldn't marry you to reform you! You girls of Alexandria demand of the man what he demands of you. Don't cheat yourselves. Say to him 'you believe in a virtuous girl, how about you?'"

"You young women and Christ can save Alexandria—you and the devil can damn it."

"No man can sin alone. When you sin your wife has to suffer. If I should go out and sin tonight my wife and three children would suffer and my father, mother and brother. It costs a great deal young man, when you take your first glass of liquor, but it costs your mother a great deal more. It costs a great deal, young woman, when you go out and sin, but it costs your father and mother a great deal more."

"Eight years ago I was tired of sin. The Son of God came along and took me in. I don't claim to be a saint, but I know I'm not the man I was eight years ago."

DIED.

Mrs. MARTHA BUTLER, 807 Princess street, departed this life, Tuesday, September 19, 1916. Funeral from Alfred street Baptist Church, Thursday, September 21, 2 p. m.

Number Decisions.	
Previously reported	220
Last night	8
Total	228

Gypsy Smith, Jr. Epigrams

God knows no difference between the adulterer and the adulteress.

You girls demand what the man demands of you—virtue.

Sin always breeds fear.

Sin always breeds bondage.

Playing for prizes is not a whit less gambling because it is done in Christian homes.

Christians who play cards, dance and go to theaters are doing more to damn church life than all the harlots and saloons in the world.

The dance is the training ship for hell.

A masque ball is about the only thing some Christians can lead.

Talk about dancing with your own wife—you'd just as soon shuck corn in the moon's light. It's the other fellow's wife you want to dance with.

There is no virtue coming down the aisle and shaking my hand. You can be converted on the street.

You say there is no devil. Who is doing his work in Alexandria?

There's a good deal that's devilish in this old town!

WOULD ALTER DIXIE

New York, Sept. 20.—New York high school teachers have appointed a committee which will ask music publishers and others to eliminate negro dialect and make various other changes in songs.

In "The Star-Spangled Banner" "perilous fight" is to be changed to "clouds of the fight," if the teachers have their way; and the uniform key will be changed from B flat to A flat to make the singing easier for the average voice.

In "Dixie" "de" will be changed to "the" and "neber" to "never."

The teachers say it is difficult to teach pure English in the schools, with the number of children of foreign parents growing, and negro dialect confuses the little ones.

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to use their exertions in behalf of the movement to induce Secretary Daniels to locate the new government armory at Alexandria met this morning and discussed their plans. It was determined to hold another meeting during the next few weeks when arrangements will be made to call upon the secretary, at which time they will be accompanied by Congressman Charles C. Carlin.

The oyster season having opened, I am now prepared to furnish the best oysters in the city, at 25c a quart, a trial will convince you, J. L. DELLA, 325 Queen street, Cor. Royal Bell Phone 370J. 218-3t.

RIOTING IN NEW YORK

Orders Issued to Police to Put Down Disturbance at Once

WANT RECOGNITION.

Those Who Obstruct Progress of Public Vehicles May Serve Terms in The Penitentiary

New York, Sept. 20.—After a night of the worst rioting since the beginning of the present strike of street car men in New York, in which subway, elevated, and surface cars were attacked, orders were issued today to the New York police that rioting must be put down at all costs.

The authorities are convinced that the striking men do not tend to abandon their fight for recognition without a most desperate struggle, and arrangements are being made for a more rigid guard than ever has been necessary for protection of the trains.

Twenty arrests had been made early today in connection with the rioting, and of the men now held fifteen have been charged with commission of a felony.

This is a broad charge which can be made to cover the actions of any persons obstructing the progress of public vehicles, or attacking its occupants.

Conviction on this charge means imprisonment for not less than five nor more than twenty years.

It is the first time since the strike began that any men arrested for taking part in violent demonstrations have been booked on this charge.

As a further safeguard to trains and surface the authorities today equipped fifteen more automobiles for patrol duty. Twenty of these already had been in service, and they were kept busy last night answering calls from every district in the city.

These machines are loaded with several patrolmen and a lieutenant

ROUMANIANS WIN VICTORY

Serbian Troops Take Highest Peak in Mountain Range

BULGARS WIPED OUT

Make Stubborn Resistance and Only Fifty Prisoners Fall Into Serbian Hands.

Bucharest, Sept. 20.—Roumanian troops have won a victory over the main Bulgarian, German, and Turkish force in a battle near Engea, Dobrudja, it was officially announced today. The fighting is continuing.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The Serbians have captured the well-fortified hill 2,625, east of Berna, the highest peak in the Kamakchalan range, after the most violent hand-to-hand fighting, it was officially announced today. The Bulgarians resisted with great stubbornness until they were practically wiped out, only fifty prisoners falling into Serbian hands.

Near Garesnika the Bulgarians made vain counter attacks, but were dispersed by French seventy-fives. On the left wing the enemy is still resisting on the heights of Pisonderi.

London, Sept. 20.—Serbian troops have advanced to within seven miles of Monastir and are engaged in sharp fighting with the Bulgars, said an Athens dispatch today.

A Central News dispatch said it was learned from reliable sources that the German and Bulgarian staffs have left Monastir.

The Bulgarians have been driven from one trench position after another, and much of the fighting is going on in the open. For the first time, since the Balkan fighting began large cavalry forces are in clashes at several points along the Serbo-Greek frontier.

Northeast of Lake Ostrovo, the Bulgarians who were driven from the heights of Kamakchalan have halted their retreat and are counter attacking.

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